

HOUSE BILL No. 1100

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-41.

Synopsis: School efficiency grants. Establishes the school efficiency grant program to provide one or more school corporations grants to implement plans that would make one or more school corporations more cost effective. Establishes the school efficiency grant fund.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-41 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]:

4 **Chapter 41. School Efficiency Grant Program**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the school**
6 **efficiency grant fund established by section 3 of this chapter.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "grant applicant" refers to one**
8 **(1) or more school corporations that apply for a grant under**
9 **section 5 of this chapter.**

10 **Sec. 3. (a) The school efficiency grant fund is established for the**
11 **purpose of providing grants to school corporations that are**
12 **awarded a grant by the state board under this chapter.**

13 **(b) The fund consists of appropriations from the general**
14 **assembly and gifts and grants to the fund.**

15 **(c) The state board shall administer the fund.**



1 (d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
2 money in the fund.

3 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
4 revert to the state general fund.

5 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
6 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
7 manner as other public funds may be invested.

8 Sec. 4. (a) The state board may award a grant to a grant
9 applicant under this chapter to implement efficiency and cost
10 effective measures that would meet the criteria established by the
11 state board under this section.

12 (b) The state board shall develop criteria for approving a plan
13 submitted under section 5 of this chapter.

14 (c) When considering whether to award a grant to a grant
15 applicant under this chapter, the state board shall consider
16 whether the plan submitted by the grant applicant under section 5
17 of this chapter will:

18 (1) reduce administrative costs by merging or consolidating
19 administrative services within a school corporation or among
20 two (2) or more school corporations;

21 (2) reduce the duplication of programs or services within a
22 school corporation or among two (2) or more school
23 corporations;

24 (3) increase cost efficiencies relating to the use of school
25 facilities;

26 (4) reduce debt of one (1) or more school corporations; or

27 (5) establish any other measure that would significantly
28 reduce costs related to the provision of educational services,
29 special education services, or any other service provided
30 within a school corporation or among two (2) or more school
31 corporations.

32 (d) The state board shall establish the terms of awarding a grant
33 to a grant applicant under this chapter. The state board shall
34 establish guidelines for determining the amount of a grant awarded
35 to a grant applicant based on the amount of cost savings to the
36 grant applicant as a result of implementation of the plan. A grant
37 under this chapter may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars
38 (\$500,000).

39 Sec. 5. (a) One (1) or more school corporations may apply for a
40 grant under this chapter in the manner prescribed by the state
41 board. The application must include a plan submitted by the grant
42 applicant, and the state board may require that the grant applicant



1 must include a cost analysis study of the proposed plan.

2 (b) If a grant applicant receives a grant under this chapter, the
3 grant shall be used to implement the plan submitted to the state
4 board under subsection (a) and may be used to pay any costs
5 associated with preparing any cost analysis study associated with
6 the plan.

7 Sec. 6. The state board shall establish rules under IC 4-22-2 to
8 administer this chapter.

